

**METHOD OF PROVIDING AN AUTOMATED PACKAGE RECEPACLE
FOR THE RECEIPT, STORAGE AND PICKUP OF A PACKAGE AT A
RETAIL SITE AND FOR PROVIDING MARKETING AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS TO PACKAGE RECIPIENTS**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of package storage and retrieval by providing within a retail outlet a receptacle with a compartment capable of receiving, retaining and releasing at least one package deposited by a sender for pick-up by a recipient thereby beginning a transaction. A sender is provided access to the receptacle to deposit a pre-ordered package within the receptacle for a recipient. A recipient is provided access to the receptacle to retrieve the package and thereby completing a transaction such that the compartment may be used for another transaction.

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